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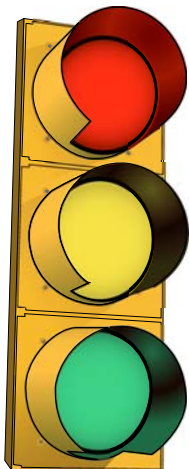
## *Correction to January 2005 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement*

**Note:** This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

### Provider Types Affected

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) and ambulance suppliers billing Medicare carriers or intermediaries for patients in a SNF stay

### Provider Action Needed



#### **STOP – Impact to You**

Transmittal 360 (CR 3542) of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual (published on November 5, 2004) was the 2005 Skilled Nursing Facility annual update. CR 3613 provides a correction to the annual SNF CB update for calendar year 2005 by adding one code under Major Category I.H. (Ambulance Services) that was inadvertently omitted, namely A0999 – unlisted ambulance service.

#### **CAUTION – What You Need to Know**

HCPCS 53660, 95974, and G0168 had been reported twice in Major Category I.F. – this duplication of codes has also been corrected.

#### **GO – What You Need to Do**

To ensure accurate claims processing, please review the information included here and stay current with instructions for SNF CB.

### Additional Information

The official instruction issued regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/Downloads/R421CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If you have questions regarding this issue, you may also contact your carrier or fiscal intermediary at their toll free number, which may be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS web site.

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